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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION TO ACCEPT COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS

Sir:

Pursuant to 1.84(b)(2), applicants hereby petition to accept color photographs in the above-identified application. The grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2) includes the following:

- i) The fee (\$130.00) set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h)
- ii) Three (3) sets of color photographs;
- iii) A black and white photocopy that accurately depicts, to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color drawings; and
- iv) A Preliminary Amendment amending the specification to insert (unless the specification contains or has been previously amended to contain) the language as required by 1.84(a)(2)

The \$130.00 fee for filing this petition is currently due. Please charge this fee (\$130.00) to Deposit Account No. 19-2586, referencing attorney docket number 0088/002001. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached. It is believed that this fee covers all of the required fees for filing this petition; however, if any additional fees are required, please charge these

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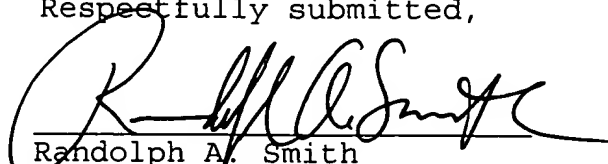
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Also, applicants hereby submit that color photographs are
the only practicable medium for illustrating the claimed
invention as set forth in 37 CFR 1.84(b)(1). These color
photographs are necessary because the present invention relates
to image processing of color pictures and these features cannot
be seen clearly if the image is rendered in black and white.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the
color photographs be accepted in the application.

If there are any questions regarding this petition, or if it
appears that a telephone conference would helpfully advance
prosecution, please telephone the undersigned at the telephone
number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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